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Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this letter because you have expressed interest in the Long Canyon Mine or you have expressed interest in past Federal actions pertaining to public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko District Office.

The BLM Wells Field Office is soliciting written comments regarding the Long Canyon Mine Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this DEIS analyzes the Plan of Operations submitted by Newmont Mining Corporation for the Long Canyon Mine as well as two alternatives.

The proposed project would be located on the east side of the Pequop Mountain range, about 30 miles east of Wells, Nevada and 32 miles west of West Wendover, Nevada on Interstate 80. The proposed operation would consist of one open pit, a heap leach pad, a waste rock storage facility, a tailings storage facility, water supply wells, milling facilities, mine haul roads, and other ancillary facilities. A natural gas pipeline will be constructed north of the mine site for a self-generated power source at the project site. Two water supply wells will also be constructed south of the project area in order to provide drinking quality water to the communities of West Wendover, NV and Wendover, UT while the mine is in operation. The associated disturbance for the proposed operations is 4,194, of which 1,874 acres are public land, including 480 acres of split estate lands, and would encompass the existing 115 acres of disturbance from exploration activities. The projected life of the mine is 8 to 14 years, including construction, operations, and closure. An estimated annual workforce for operations will be approximately 300-500 people from construction to operations to closure.

The DEIS will be available for a minimum 45 day public comment period. Written comments should be addressed to the BLM Nevada State Office, Attn: Whitney Wirthlin, 1640 Financial Blvd, Reno, NV 89502. Comments may also be hand delivered to the Elko District Office or submitted electronically to BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov. Comments should be postmarked, hand delivered, or electronically submitted by May 5, 2014, to ensure full consideration.

The BLM has scheduled three public meetings for the Long Canyon Mine DEIS for the below dates and times. Written comments on the DEIS may also be submitted at the public meetings.

April 15, 2014 6-8 pm (Pacific Time)
Wendover Community Building
112 South Moriah Ave, Wendover, UT

April 16, 2014 6-8 pm
Elko Convention Center
700 Moran Way, Elko, NV

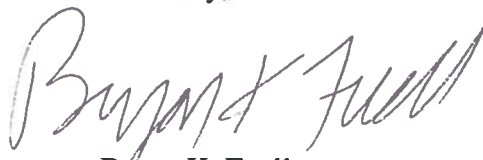
April 17, 2014 6-8 pm
Wells City Hall
525 6th Street, Wells, NV

Additional information is available online at www.blm.gov/rv5c, including the submitted Plan of Operations and the initial scoping report. Project materials may also be viewed at the BLM Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment-including your personal identifying information- may be made publicly available at any time. While you ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Whitney Wirthlin, Nevada State Office Geologist, at (775) 861-6568, or via email: wwirthli@blm.gov.

Sincerely,



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